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1. English abstract of JP 06-113387

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2. English abstract of JP 2003-111183
3. English abstract of JP 04-072525
4. US 5,717,656
5. WO 02/29432 A1
6. US 2002/0181721 A1
7. EP 1 331 490 A1 (in English)
8. English abstract of JP 2002-181913
9. English abstract of JP 11-064089
10. English abstract of JP 10-332807
11. JP 7-37908 (English abstract and English translation of paragraphs [0013] – [0029])

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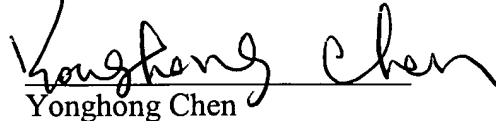
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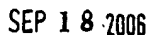
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